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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : National Reconnaissance Office

REFERENCE : Memo for DCI from DD/R, Dated 17 March 1962; Same Subject

Following his meeting at noon on Monday, 19 March 1962, with the Director, Dr. Scoville passed the three major reactions of the DCI to the present draft. These were as follows:

a. The DCI does not favor a dual chairmanship for NRO. He believes that a single source must be the chairman with the other Agency's senior individual being the deputy chairman. The language of the agreement will not mention individuals as such, but the DCI is reportedly ready to concede to having Dr. Charyk as chairman, with Dr. Scoville as deputy or vice chairman. Within this general statement, however, the Director insists upon specific assignments of projects to each Agency; i.e., OXCART to CIA, SAMOS to USAF. Amplifying this, it is reasonable to infer that the senior responsible official will be determined in each case by the assignment of the project to a given group; i.e., Charyk to head SAMOS, Scoville to head OXCART.

b. The DCI wishes to have language written into the draft agreement specifying that programming and even planning on all new collection systems will be done jointly by the NRO chairman and the deputy chairman.

c. Lastly, it is the Director's wish that CIA control, through the [redacted] all security clearances for all programs within the purview of the NRO. A separate memorandum on this subject has been written by the undersigned to [redacted]

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